

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Tuesday Morning, May 2, 1871.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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PASSENGERS.

Per star Olympia, from Puget Sound—Mrs McKinney, Mrs King, Mr Chapman, Mr Buchanan and wife, and Mr. R. Miller, Urmantic, Rabbitt, Kaling, Stover, James, Robertson, Haley, Riley, Smith, Stoddart, McNamee, Schumacher, Mot, Horton, Fletcher, Chapman, Lewis, Robinson, Johnson, Miller, Fraser, Seaman, and 22 others.

Per steamer Isobel, fm Puget Sound—Mrs and Mr. McDonald, Mrs Tuck, Messrs Bowman, Bonny, Baker, Murphy, Thompson, Wilcox, Carr, Dunlop, Lewis, Clancy, Jordan, Fletcher, Taylor, Steele, Crawford, Newton, Sullivan, Newton and 45 others.

IMPORTS.

Per star Olympia, fm Puget Sound—53 head cattle, 9 horses, 1 cow and calf, 1 box.

CONSIGNEES.

Per star Olympia, fm Puget Sound—Jackson, Wallace, Murray.

BIRTHS.

At Grayson, Stanislaus County, California, on the 25th March, the wife of Mr S. T. Tilley, formerly of British Columbia, of a son.

NEWS! NEWS!

The "British Colonist" is the only newspaper published at Victoria that receives the latest Telegraphic Dispatches, and a comparison will prove, Late Telegrams appearing in any other paper are copied without credit 24 hours after they have appeared in the British Colonist. The circulation of the British Colonist being greater than that of any other paper, it offers the best medium to Advertisers.

Amateur Athletic Sports.

These sports came off yesterday afternoon at the Cricket Grounds on the Esquimalt Road. The weather was fine and the number in attendance was very large. Every available vehicle was employed from 1 till 3 p.m. in carrying vast and eager crowds to the scene of the sports. Among those present were His Excellency the Governor and His Musgrave.

The sports of the day, as arranged in the programme, came off as follows:

1 Flat Race—100 yards, won by Lieutenant Wright. Time, 11 seconds.

2 Flat Race—200 yards, won by Gunner Wheeler.

3 High Jump—Height, 4 feet 6½ inches, won by Lieut H. T. Wright.

4 Flat Race—½ mile, won by Lieutenant Wright. Time, 1 minute.

5 Putting 24-lb Shot—Distance, 28 feet 3 inches, won by W. Allman.

6 Hurdle Race—200 yards, won by Lieutenant Wright and — Tolmie. Time, 23 seconds.

7 Throwing the Hammer—Won by A. B. Gray. Distance 67 ft 6 in.

8 Half Mile Flat Race—Won by Ball and Britton.

9 Mile Flat Race—Won by Lieutenant Wright. Time, 5 minutes 29 sec.

10 Sack Race—Struck out.

11 Three-Legged Race—Won by C. E. Pooley and W. Gibbon.

12 Flat Race, 200 yards.—Won by Lieutenant Wright. Time, 22 sec.

13 Hurdle Race, 200 yards.—Won by Wheeler and Blackmore.

14 Flat Race, Half Mile—Won by Mr. Brant.

The races and other games were well contested and elicited great applause from the spectators. At the close of the affair Mrs Musgrave presented to the lucky winners the following prizes: 1 Pewter, 2 Money, 3 Fishing rod, 4 Pipe and knife, 5 Fly book, 6 Governor's cup and ring, 7 Whip, 8 \$5 and keg of beer, 9 Fancy mug, 11 Two Pewters, 12 Bat and flask, 13 \$5 and \$2; 14 Pewter.

In addition to the sports announced in the programme other amusements were indulged in. That ubiquitous old lady Aunt Sally contributed largely to the fun. The most difficult and persevering feat was that of climbing the greased pole, which was accomplished by an indefatigable matron, who after a desperate struggle that lasted nearly an hour secured the top of the matron, but a \$5 note which he expected to obtain with the matron was not there.

The sports were concluded at 4½ o'clock, and immediately after the prizes had been distributed, the gathering dispersed. All present will no doubt long retain pleasant recollections of the May-day spent at the Cricket Ground.

THE ROAD STEAMERS.—We regret to have to announce that there will be a temporary interruption to the road steamer enterprise in the upper country. It is found that the links holding the steel shoes which form the flexible or outer tires, being made of malleable cast iron, will not answer on the rocky roads of this colony, as they are constantly snapping, causing much delay. In every other respect the steamers appear to answer very well. They are singularly tractable, being most completely under the control of the driver, while they climb the severest grades with the utmost ease. This single difficulty can of course be easily overcome, but not, it is to be feared, in time to enable them to accomplish much this season. The difficulty will be properly represented to the manufacturers and patentees, and there can be little doubt that with the substitution of good wrought iron links the machines will be found to be well adapted to the carrying trade of the country.

IMPORTANT TO MINERS AND OTHERS.—We have much pleasure in directing the attention of those interested in Omineca to a notice in another column. It will be seen that arrangements have been completed for transporting freight and passengers by steamer from Quesnelmouth to the upper ocean near Fort George at very reasonable rates. This arrangement cannot fail to exert a very decided influence in favor of the central route to Omineca.

DEAD.—Hon James M. Mason, of Slidell, Mason notoriety, died on Sunday.

THE propeller George S. Wright, for Sitka, passed up yesterday afternoon.

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DEPARTURE OF THE BEATTY TROUPE.—This really respectable and talented theatrical troupe, having just completed an engagement here, goes over to Puget Sound to-day. Although Victoria has not been in her best play-going temper during the greater part of that engagement, yet there have been occasions which showed that she has a keen appreciation of real talent and undoubted worth. During their stay here Mr and Mrs Beatty and their wonderfully gifted and charming little daughter, May Wells, have become very decided favorites with this community, and will always be certain of a warm welcome back. Messrs Melville and Ward, too, are much liked and have established a good professional reputation. Indeed, taking the company as a whole, it presents an array of talent not often to be met with in these parts, and we only trust that it will be duly appreciated by the various communities on Puget Sound. We feel that we are only giving expression to the universal sentiment of the people of Victoria when we wish the Beatty Troupe a pleasant and profitable tour and a speedy return here.

THE 'SENTINEL' ON THE CIVIL LIST BILL.—In a leading article the *Cariboo Sentinel* takes a very calm and practical view of this measure, which has furnished such ready material for political agitators to work upon. Our contemporary says:—"The Civil List Bill, which was still being discussed at last account, provides for the salaries of all Government employes now in office, so long as they continue in the service, without going through the ceremony of voting the amounts every year. It is objected against this Bill that the heads of departments only should be permanently provided for; but it strikes us that it makes little matter, as the present bill can be repealed or amended at any time—and if an officer is found to be superfluous or inefficient it will always be in the power of the Executive to dispense with his services."

THE LAST SCENE.—Mr Barker yesterday completed his panorama by placing the last touches upon an Alaskan view representing a group of Cariboo and river in the foreground with a range of snow-capped mountains in the back. We have all along indulged in the hope that this truly fine work of art, which comprises, among others, an excellent view of Victoria and surroundings, would be exhibited in this city before being sent to the East. It appears, however, that Mr Barker's engagements are such as to require his presence with the panorama in New York City on the 1st of July, which fact will render his departure in a few days imperative. It is to be regretted that this local work of art, which possesses real merit, should be taken away without the citizens of the place in which it was painted being afforded an opportunity of seeing it.

PUGET SOUND ITEMS.—The *Seattle Intelligencer* of yesterday highly compliments Rev Mr. Pauschon's lecture on "Daniel in Babylon," terming it one of the finest compositions ever penned. A petition is in circulation for daily mail between Olympia and Port Townsend..... Hon James Smith of Chehalis was slightly wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol a few days ago..... The railway terminus war on the Sound continues. There will never be an end to it—we mean the war, not the railway..... The Odd Fellows' anniversary celebration at Seattle passed off with great *éclat*..... Land along Snohomish river is being rapidly pre-empted by actual settlers. A Methodist Church is about to be erected at Port Townsend.

FUNERAL OF MR JOHN WILKIE.—The funeral of the late Mr Wilkie was very numerously attended on Sunday. The obsequies were under the direction of St Andrew's and Caledonian Society, at whose head walked Sir James Douglas and the President and Vice-President. The pall-bearers were Messrs J. Nicholson, J. Barnes, E. Stamp, W. B. Wilson, A. Elliott, G. Warren, W. Ward, T. Lowe, E. Grancini and A. B. Gray. The funeral services were conducted by Rev Mr McGregor at St Andrew's Church, and the remains were interred in the cemetery.

PAGAN OBSEQUIES.—On Friday Kong Pay King, a Chinese Free Mason, died, and on Sunday he was buried amid the blaring of trumpets, the beating of drums, the sounding of tom-toms, the clashing of cymbals, and the wailing of mourners. A more hideous dirge could not well be imagined.

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PARIS, April 29—Heavy firing to-day south and west of the city. It slackened during the afternoon, but in the evening was again violent. The Versaillists are attacking at all points simultaneously. The erection of barricades in the interior of the city is being hastened. Provisions arrive but seldom, and are growing scarce.

BRUNEL, April 28—General Cluseret has referred to the intercession of General Fabre, that he will propose to the Commune to release the Archbishop of Paris, and other ecclesiastics.

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